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SUBJ: BANQUE BELGE

REF: STATE 37154, FEBRUARY 28

1. APPARENTLY TO REINFORCE NOVEMBER 1972 BELGIAN NOTE IN WHICH GOB STATED THAT USE OF BANQUE BELGE BLOCKED ASSETS IN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT WITH PRC WOULD BE REGARDED AS A TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE CONFISCATION OF BELGIAN PROPERTY, BELGIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DELIVERED FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER ON DECEMBER 18.

2. QUOTE REFERENCE IS MADE TO PREVIOUS EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF BELGIUM ON THE SUBJECT OF THE BLOCKED ASSETS OF THE BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER (EXTREME ORIENT). FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS OF ITS GOVERNMENT THE EMBASSY OF BELGIUM IN WASHINGTON FORMALLY ADVISES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT IF THE ASSETS OF THE BANQUE BELGE ARE INCLUDED IN A SETTLEMENT OF RECIPROCAL
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CLAIMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

OF CHINA, A SERIOUS INCIDENT CONCERNING THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES IS TO BE FORESEEN.
UNQUOTE.

3. DEHENNIN SAID HE WOULD LIKE SOME RESPONSE TO THIS MEMO-
RANDUM. STABLER INDICATED THAT WE WOULD LOOK INTO THE
WOULD RESPOND PROBABLY AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT THE U.S. HAS ALWAYS MADE CLEAR ITS VIEW OF THE BENE-
FICIAL CHINESE INTEREST IN THE BLOCKED FUNDS. RUSH

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